

LOCAL GOVERNMENT — PUPPY FARMING

842. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Local Government:

I refer to Labor's election commitment to stop puppy farming and the Minister's comments that he will establish an advisory panel to oversee this policy and ask:

- (a) has the Minister established this advisory panel:
 - (i) if yes, who are the members of the panel; and
 - (ii) if no, when will the panel be established and how will the panel members be selected; and
- (b) how much will it cost to establish and run the panel?

Mr D.A. Templeman replied:

- (a) (i)–(ii) A series of workshops is about to be commenced with key stakeholders to inform the development of policy papers that will propose various options to stop puppy farming in Western Australia.

It is anticipated that a Stop Puppy Farming Implementation Working Group will be formed in the near future.

Membership of the advisory panel will be drawn from workshop participants.
- (b) Any costs associated with the conduct of meetings will be borne by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries as part of normal operations.